

Protest staged against bomb threat

IT News
Imphal, Feb 17: Students of Presidency College, Motbung in Senapati district along with locals of the area today staged a sit-in-protest in front of the college against the placing of a bomb near the college gate yesterday evening. Traffic along the high way was blocked till 1 pm today as the protestors stopped vehicular movement in front of the college.

Bomb found

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Imphal, Feb 18: A Chinese hand grenade was found today at the opposite of the residence of one Okram Pishak at Singjamei Okram leikai under Singjamei police station at around 7 am today. The Chinese made hand grenade was later picked up by a team of Manipur Police.

Thang-Ta festival

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Imphal, Feb 18: Under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Lichat Inat Kanba Lupki Apunba Maheishang (LIKLAM) would organise Manipur Martial Arts Thang-ta festival at Ningthou Paraba Harabong from February 24-28. Secretary of LIKLAM, in a release informed interested participants to contact the organizer at its Khurai office.

Media body meets Rajnath Singh, seeks judicial probe into attack on journo

New Delhi, Feb. 18: A delegation comprising editors of TV news channels met Home Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi yesterday seeking a judicial probe into the alleged assault on media persons in Patiala House Court complex. Voicing concern, the members of the Broadcast Editors' Association said the journalists had gone to cover the court proceedings following the arrest of JNU student Union leader with valid passes despite which they were assaulted by a group of people in black coats. The delegation also handed over a letter to Mr. Singh to press their demand.

University professors should not use Manipur to preach anti-India : MNP

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Imphal, Feb 17: Meitei Nationalist Party strongly condemns and rejects the anti-national slogans like 'Kashmirki Azadi', 'Manipurki Azadi' and 'Nagalandki Azadi'. MNP (Meitei Nationalist Party) warns against those separatist minded elements whether they are teaching in universities like Jawaharlal Nehru University or Jadavpur University or not. MNP's Founding President B. Angousana Sharma asserts, "Kashmir was Taxila and Taxila was the head of India and heart of the world. Therefore, Kashmir was and is an integral part of India. Manipur was the Easternmost Sentinel of Bharatvarsha and

hence is the Eastern Gateway of India to both East Asia and South East Asia. No power on the earth can destroy India and separate Manipur or Kashmir from India. MNP and its national students' wing MNSUI (Meitei Nationalist Students' Union of India) warn against such sloganeering and those university teachers and elements who use Manipur for their anti-India agenda."

B. Angousana Sharma points out, "Manipur has produced 4 Generals (2 Lt. Generals and 2 Maj. Generals) in Indian Army. Manipur stands highest in sending its people to Indian Armed Forces, in terms of the ratio of armed forces officers and jawans to the total population of the state.

Manipuris have lifted up the Flag of India high in Olympics and Asian Games. Manipuri culture is the living testimony of India's culture all over the world. Manipuri classical dance is such Indian classical dance which is world famous. Manipuris have been defending Bharatvarsha from the attacks of China, Burma and Japan since time immemorial. So, how can Manipur be separated from India in 21st century?"

They should stop preaching about Manipur in the light of anti-India and instead they must go and serve Manipuris by being in villages of Manipur instead of sitting in air-conditioned quarters and newsroom discussing about Manipur as victim, he added.

Oriental College students demands to revoke transfer order, stages sit-in-protest

IT News
Imphal, Feb 17: Students of Oriental College has appealed the Government of Manipur and Education Minister to revoke the transfer order of its 6 (six) teachers. Speaking to media persons at the Conference Hall of the College, Siman Apollo, General Secretary of the College Students' Union said that students of Oriental College strongly condemned the transfer of 6 (six) teachers to

other colleges when the semester examinations is approaching. The college has been facing shortage of lecturers since long time and the recent order of transfer of lecturers from the college would largely affect to the academic atmosphere of the institute, observed the General Secretary of College Students' Union. Stating that the transfer notification is 'unreasonable',

the students' leader also appealed Minister of Education, M Okendro Singh to revoke the order and bring a solution to the shortage of faculty in the interest of the students of the college. He also warned that if the concerned authority failed to comply with the demand of the union, students of the college in association with students' community would resort to various forms of agitations.

Retired added school teachers serve ultimatum

IT News
Imphal, Feb 18: Retired employees of state government aided schools has served ultimatum to the state government to release their pension and arrears on or before February 25. Demanding early clearance of pension and remaining arrears various retired employees of state government aided schools under the banner of All Manipur Government Aided Schools Union Retired Employees Welfare Association (AMGASUREWS) are on

an indefinite sit-in-protest since yesterday at community hall of Keishampat Leimajam Mamang Leikai. Speaking to media persons, Secretary of the welfare association Y Kullachandra Singh demanded the concerned department of the state government to provide pension benefit for the approved posts of aided school after retirement. He further added that the government should clear the arrears of the approved employee of the government aided schools for secondary

and elementary teacher before February 25th. The General Secretary also warned to intensify their protest if the government fails to fulfill their demand within the stipulated period.

Awareness prog. on drug abuse

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Imphal, Feb 18: One day state level awareness programme on drug abuse and prevention was held today. The awareness programme was organised jointly by Manipur University and University and Higher Education Department, Government of Manipur under the sponsorship of National

Human Rights Commission, New Delhi. The Prof. H Nandakumar Sharma, Vice Chancellor of Manipur University; Jaideep Singh Kochher, Joint Secretary of Human Rights Commission, New Delhi and Rk Tulusana were graced the function as president, chief guest and guest of honor respectively.

S. Bishwajit Sharma's "The Linger" selected for Intl. festival

IT News
New Delhi, Feb. 18: A short film called "The Linger", directed by Shamurailatpam Bishwajit Sharma alias Shamtom Shar from Manipur, has been officially selected for the 4th Delhi International Film Festival, Scheduled to be held from December 5-10. The film tells the story of a man haunted by dreams from his past and explores the

relationship between dreams and the subconscious mind. Bishwajit Sharma, son of Ph. Brajamuhini Devi, comes from Bishnupur Mamang Leikai, Manipur. After studying film editing at Digital Film Academy, Mumbai, he assisted filmmaker O. Gautam in a few Manipur films. He attended screenwriting workshops by Jame V. Hart and Alexandra Viets,

documentary workshops by DocEdge, Kolkata and acting workshop by Seema Biswas. Bishwajit expressed his disappointment with the substandard and purely commercial films being made in Manipur nowadays. He opined that he was wanted to change the concept of fast money-making through films, instead focusing on genuine filmmakers who produce good movies.

Centre may partially lift AFSPA to dispel JNU shadow on J&K govt talks

Courtesy: HT
Srinagar, Feb. 18: Jammu and Kashmir may have inched closer to government formation after BJP secretary Ram Madhav met Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti amid reports that the Centre may lift the controversial Armed Forces Special Powers Act in two districts. Talks between the ideologically divergent partners have been deadlocked for over a month after chief minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed's death on January 7. The Centre may agree to lift Afspa - that gives legal immunity to army personnel - from Srinagar and Kathua districts where militancy declined in the past decade, reports said. This could not independently confirm that the two parties has agreed on withdrawing AFSPA. This was a key demand of the PDP, which is against the controversial law that many activists blame for rampant military violence and rapes in the Valley. The offer to lift Afspa on a trial basis came as some PDP leaders suggested the raging row over sedition charges on Jawaharlal Nehru University students for allegedly commemorating 2001 Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru was affecting alliance

talks. "It's a national level issue and not about Kashmir at all. It's a debate about the idea of India," PDP spokesperson Naem Akhtar told HT. This is the first time a PDP leader was speaking about the JNU controversy. The PDP maintains Guru's execution was "travesty of justice". Even after being sworn in to power in alliance with BJP in March 2015, five BJP legislators issued a signed statement to media stating that "PDP stands by the demand for return of his (Guru's) mortal remains".

Many BJP leaders, including home minister Rajnath Singh and human resource development minister Smriti Irani, have criticised the JNU students and said "anti-national" slogans won't be tolerated, inviting criticism from the Opposition for allying with the PDP that has similar views on Guru. The special one-on-one meeting between Madhav and Mehbooba came unexpectedly. Madhav reached Srinagar on short notice and drove straight to Mehbooba's fairview residence in Srinagar. Replying to a question on whether the arrest of former Delhi University professor SAR Geelani could affect government formation, Akhtar said the PDP's cards were in the public domain. "Our cards

are open. We want implementation of agenda of alliance," he added. He refused to comment on whether the party's stated position on Afzal Guru had changed. "Our stands on everything remain the same." But PDP parliamentarian Nazir Ahmad Laway said the JNU incident was "unfortunate and poses a security risk for Kashmiri students". He said the PDP would not tolerate arrest and harassment of Kashmiri students using the JNU incident as an alibi.

Rahul Gandhi meets President in wake of JNU row

New Delhi, Feb 18: Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi led delegation today met President Pranab Mukherjee at the Rashtrapati Bhawan in the backdrop of Jawahar Lal Nehru university row. Talking to reporters after meeting the President, Mr Gandhi said, if anyone has said anything against the country then those indulging in such behaviour must be identified and dealt with strictly. But, he said in view of a single incident, a great institution like JNU should not be called as a centre of anti-nationals. He alleged that RSS is trying to impose its ideology on students of the nation and his party will not allow that to happen. Mr Gandhi alleged that government is trying to suppress the voice of the youth. He said the country is growing because of the its youth. He said JNU row is hurting university's image across the world. He also took on the BJP for attack on journalists covering JNU row at Patiala house court. The Congress party also submitted a memorandum to President Mukherjee and called upon him to protect freedom of universities and uphold the values that built the nation.

New office bearers of DESAM Thoubal Dist. take oath

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Thoubal, Feb. 18: Newly elected office bearers of DESAM Thoubal district today administered oath of office at Manishang Primary School today. The oath of office was administered by Wangmayum Ishlaodind, Advisor DESAM Head Office. 60 other newly enrolled members also took oath on the occasion. L. Rabichandra took oath as the president of DESAM, Thoubal District Office while Tulihal International Airport, Imphal. Dr. RK Nimai (Retd. IAS), K Radhakumar Singh (IAS) Commissioner of art and culture, Revenue, and L Upendro Sharma Director of JNMMA will graced the opening function which will continue for 7 days as Chief Guest, President and Guest of Honour respectively.



Moirangthem Angamba, President DESAM Head office and Former Presidents of DESAM, Thoubal District Council also attended the oath taking ceremony of newly elected office bearers of DESAM, Thoubal District Council and 60 members.

PM asks ministers to complete projects within deadline

New Delhi, Feb 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has advised his Council of Ministers to ensure projects were completed within the timeframe and due publicity given to the achievements of the government. Addressing his Council of Ministers in New Delhi yesterday evening, Mr. Modi said the deadlines, especially of social sector schemes, are sacrosanct and should not be missed at any cost. He said, when government announces a scheme, it increases the expectations of the people.

The Prime Minister showed keen interest in the progress made in his pet project Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. He also suggested organising 'Urja Divas' in villages and other places electrified after many years. Presentations were also made on Swachh Bharat Mission, housing for all by 2022, Atal pension scheme, Prime Minister Jeevan Suraksha, Jan Dhan Yojna, skill development scheme, setting up of six IIMs, three AIIMS and six IITs and the newly enacted Juvenile Justice law.

Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur, Health Minister J P Nadda and Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan were among the prominent ministers present at the meeting. This is the second review meeting of its kind. The first was held on 27th of last month. In that meeting, Prime Minister had reviewed the status of implementation of several key Cabinet and CCEA decisions taken in the last 18 months by NDA government.